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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 2, 1892.

AMATEUR OFFICIALDOM.

It is noteworthy that both our local contemporaries in commenting on the ridiculous fine imposed last Saturday by Mr. HASTINGS, acting police magistrate, on Mr. J. D. LAPRAIX for omitting to register the birth of his child within the time prescribed by Ordinance 7 of 1872, are particularly reticent in their references to the Registrar-General. "Brownie" tries his old game of running with the hare and hunting with the hounds and, as usual, comes the proverbial cropper between two stools; *Granny* begs the question and commits herself to nothing in the shape of a decided opinion.

Now, we have no hesitation in placing the whole of the blame for this childish, but nevertheless offensive prosecution on the shoulders of the Registrar-General. Is there no common sense in that most shady of all our public departments? The Government has no desire to manufacture unnecessary prosecutions, but on the contrary finds it sound and safe policy to avoid them. Why did the Registrar-General, knowing perfectly well that Mr. LAPRAIX had overlooked the matter, not remind that gentleman in time of the necessity for registration? Would it have been too much trouble, or was it a loss of official dignity, or was it simply another case of "no belonging my pidgeon"? And why was the prosecution not instituted on or about March 12th, instead of being allowed to lie over until April 30th? The Registrar-General's department caught napping? And why did that omniscient official consider a prosecution and its attendant vexatious publicity necessary for the vindication of the law after Mr. LAPRAIX, on being reminded of his omission, had registered? The omission, trifling in itself, was clearly a mistake, whether from ignorance of the law or a lapse of memory doesn't matter a straw, and there was not the slightest occasion for a police court case. The Ordinance certainly did not compel the Registrar-General to prosecute Mr. LAPRAIX. Section 3, under which a conviction was entered, simply says: "If no such notice as aforesaid be given within the said sixty days, the person charged with the duty of giving such notice shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars." There is nothing there compelling the Registrar-General to prosecute, and under the whole of the circumstances, especially considering that the evasion of the law was a pure accident which did harm to nobody and set no bad precedent, we cannot but consider the petty action taken gratuitous and uncalled-for.

With regard to the penalty imposed by the Acting Police Magistrate, the less said the better. Mr. HASTINGS, according to the opinion of the Acting Chief Justice, was not competent to sit as a Marine Magistrate and decide matters with which, as a practical sailor he ought to have been thoroughly acquainted; how then can he, however painstaking and well-meaning, be expected to administer justice in cases where questions of law are constantly occurring? And in this case he displayed a singular lack of judgment in inflicting the maximum penalty, when a one dollar fine would have fully met the ends of justice. We submit to His Excellency the Governor that the colony has already had too much of amateur magistrates and unfledged official legislators.

THE MYSTERY OF A-BANK.

THE mystery of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, so far as its methods in dealing with the absconded compactor, Lo Hox Pao, and his trusty confederate KAN SENG-TOI—who, together, they ran the Wing Tong Yen Bank to their own advantage—may yet be laid before the shareholders of the Hongkong Bank and the community in general. And the revelation promises to be exciting. As is well known, Lo Hox Pao made himself scarce on or about March 25th, and detailed particulars of his flight duly appeared in *The Telegraph*; but the sudden disappearance, nearly a fortnight since, of Mr. KAN SENG-TOI is not so universally known. How many lakhs of dollars these levithan speculators have "sifted" the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for is at present a mere matter of guess-work; we may be truthfully informed some day, but the odds are that we shall not. However, one victim, Mr. CHAN KUN WAI, a sleeping partner in the Wing Tong Yen Bank and a respected merchant of the Nam Pak Hong, has to deplore the loss of about \$100,000 at the hands of these unscrupulous accomplices.

who could not possibly have carried on their gigantic share operations without the assistance of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. As we have already indicated, there is every probability that the actual truth in connection with these scandalous transactions will yet be elicited. It is stated and believed, and very likely with good reason, that both Lo Hox Pao and KAN SENG-TOI have sought refuge in Canton or its vicinity—although a rumour from a source that ought to be well-informed, credits the ex-Comptroller of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with being still in hiding in this colony—and a number of respectable Chinese merchants have therefore decided to offer a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of these absconded criminals. The inducement of \$10,000 will work wonders amongst the Chinese officials in Canton—it would make all the Hongkong detectives bald-headed—and so there is every prospect, unless the birds have flown to green fields and pastures new, of this most infamous fraud being thoroughly exposed. We sincerely hope this result may accrue from the steps now being taken, both in the interests of the shareholders and for the sake of the business reputations of the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

LONDON, April 20th.

Orms has been scratched for the Two Thousand Guineas.

THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.

The Women's Suffrage Bill has been rejected on the second reading.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, MAY 2ND.

THE HART LEGACY CUP—half-a-mile.

Mr. Ring's ch. Fleece, in command.

THE CRITERION STAKES—one mile.

Mr. H. Silva's d. Majestic.

THE GRIPPING PLATE—six furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's b. Royalist.

Won in a canter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombay* left Singapore for this port at noon yesterday, and is expected on the 7th at daylight.

"BAY VIEW" is the place to read a pleasant Sunday, or any other day for that matter—vide advertisement in another column.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 52, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for a 6 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

On the course of a month or so a fog signal on the detouring principle, as recommended by the Trinity House authorities, will be erected at Gap Rock by Mr. Mudge the architect and constructor of that lighthouse.

We understand that the China Merchants' Company do not intend to run the *Kiang Ping*, which was despatched hence to Shanghai at the end of last year, or any other steamer on the Macao-Canton line.

Mr. McLEOD, a representative Australian cricketer, made the enormous score of 333 in playing with the Melbourne Club against Essendon, the other week. Melbourne's total score was 828—the Australian record.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Regt. will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture, "Morning, Noon, & Night" (Beech).
Selection, "The Goodbye" (Wagner).
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THE members of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gave a third rendition of the farcical comedy, "Turned Out," at the Theatre Royal, on Saturday night. There was a fairly large audience, most of whom as on the previous Saturday, were dead-heads. We held over a critical notice of the performance until to-morrow.

It has been proposed to give a rendition of last Christmas Pantomime on the 14th inst. for the benefit of a lady who has been unexpectedly left in deplorable circumstances. Should the organizers of the proposal meet with the success they anticipate and which the object of the entertainment thoroughly deserves, further particulars will be shortly announced.

It is worthy of remark that the latest report of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and in fact all reports of public companies, appear in the London papers as paid advertisements. The weak-kneed proprietors of the *Far Eastern* newspapers have always been oblivious of their own interests in this direction, and so it probably will be until the present race of fossils has become extinct.

WHERE Ignorance is bliss, etc., etc. A poetic scribbler of the *Daily Press* commences a paragraph in this morning's issue of that morning paper in this style:—"Macao, the 'Gem of the Orient,' as the Chinese emphatically designate it, and so on. Now, it so happens that the Chinese never have styled Macao the 'Gem of the Orient,' emphatically or otherwise. The next time a poet scribbles about the 'Gem of the Orient,' he will find it in various languages, English of the great poet and patriot carved in the granite blocks in the tributes of an Englishman—his name will find a somewhat lengthy commendation in the 'Gem of the Orient'—and so on. Macao is a place of which the Chinese are proud, and they are proud of it."

There is nothing Chinese about this, says *Granny*, and you ought to know it.

The return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended May 1st, are:—Europeans, 128; Chinese, 1,707; total 1,835.

On May Day (yesterday) the Macao people found there was no occasion for a holiday, so there was no trouble. Macao is now asleep again, same as never was.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that Mr. Carl Janzen will be in charge of the Russian consulate at this port during the absence of Mr. H. St. C. Michaelson.

SAYS the *Kohy Herald* of April 21st:—"Owing to the wet weather the Shanghai mail steamer's departure has been delayed." It would have been a pity if the steamer had got wet, wouldn't it?

THE *Siam Free Press* states that a subscription is being got up to cover Dr. Hayes' damages and costs (some \$4,000 in all) in connection with the recent Bangkok Missionary Libel case.

We are in a position to state authoritatively that an opposition steamer to the *White Cloud* on the Canton-Macao route will shortly be running under Chinese auspices. And yet the famous Directors of the Steamboat Company make no sign that they recognise the dangerous elements of so simply pretend to ignore it. It is about time the shareholders had something to say to this long-continued, blind infatuation.

SOME excursionists being wrecked off Green Island, near Cairns, Queensland, got ashore in a very dilapidated condition, and started for Cairns travelling circus, the manager of which had offered them an engagement to appear as a band of Sioux Indians, with a special inducement to one hairy wretch to pose as "the Wild Man of the Woods, lassoed in the Rocky Mountains, after killing 17 of his captives." They didn't deal—and Robert Love, Esq., was not the circus man.

THE life of a General in the Chinese Army—like that of the Hongkong policeman who comes out from home under the impression that a dollar is the equivalent of 1/4d—is not a happy one. General Kao Teng-yi, in command of a battalion of "braves" in Formosa, appears to have in some way or other displeased his almighty Excellency the Governor of that island—Shao, at one time *Taotai* of Shanghai, and known in Hongkong as one of China's representatives in the concoction of that degrading Convention which made Mr. James Russell a C.M.G. and paved his way to the Chief Justiciary, and which also placed this colony, a tiny speck of land, under the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. Shao represented to the Throne that since assuming charge of Formosa he had found it most necessary to pay strict attention to the conduct of the officials under his orders, and as General Kao Teng-yi's carelessness and incapacity had caused a quarrel between the Chinese and the aborigines, he recommended that the General, who had already been cashiered, should be sent to serve on the post roads, both as a punishment for his own offences and as a severe warning to others.

THE Melbourne *Age*, the leading paper in the colony of Victoria, asserts that the Victorian Civil Service is overmanned by just 3,077 servants; lays down the law that, as officers retire by effluxion of time, all new appointments must absolutely cease until the service is reduced to a maximum of 12,000 persons; says that £20,000 a year can be saved in the Government Printing Office, another £20,000 a year by abolishing the Public Service Board with a view to having its duties performed by the Audit Commissioners (as originally proposed by Mr. Service, who was Premier of the colony); estimates a possible saving in the railway department by reduction of train mileage and working expenses, at £500,000, and finds a total of £971,000 per annum which it is within the power of the Victorian Government to "retrench" without inflicting injustice either on the Civil Service or on the public. We commend these statements to the careful consideration of the Hon. T. H. Whitehead and his unofficial colleagues in the Hongkong Legislative Council, and may repeat, what we stated the other day, that the Victorian Government has actually decided to reduce all official salaries excepting those of the Governor and the Judges of the Supreme Court.

AN interesting libel action in connection with poetry, *Hill v. The Bird of Freedom*, was tried at Sydney the other day before Mr. Justice Jones and a jury of four. The plaintiff, a bus proprietor and owner of race-ponies, claimed from the defendant newspaper the sum of £500 as damages for printing and publishing what in effect charged the plaintiff with being a liar and for having falsely and corruptly endeavored to mislead the public as to the chance of his pony Abeldar winning a certain race. The defence was practically that a mistake had been made as to the identity of plaintiff, the reporter believing Hill was only a racing name for Stewart, that the race in question was a shady business, and that plaintiff had suffered no damage at all. The bus proprietor was a saint compared with the Minister of the Hongkong Public Works Department, and had unquestionably been libelled; and the jury after an admirable and strictly impartial summing up by Mr. Justice Jones, what a relief from the involved arguments and bare-faced prejudices of Chief Justice Russell!—returned a verdict in his favor, with damages One Farthing. His Honor declined to certify for costs. We shall publish a condensed report of this case as soon as we can spare the space for the benefit of our sporting readers and of the remains of the honorable and enlightened seven "specials" in the *Minchinville* swindle, to whom we owe so much.

THE troopship *Tyne*, which arrived yesterday morning, had a fine voyage all the way out, except immediately on leaving Plymouth, when she met rough weather, losing one of her boats on the first day out. The *Tyne* is the *Land Rover*, a 1,200-ton ship, built at the Armstrong's, Newcastle, and is a fine ship, with a fine crew. She is commanded by Mr. J. R. Riches, surgeon-vice-master, and three men. For the *Land Rover*, sub-lieut. L. Richardson for duty on *Peacock* until return of sub-lieut. Sherrill from temporary duty on *Railton*; for *Caroline*, Ensign *Pliginsk*; *Redford*, Ensign *Palliser*; and *Severn*, one man each; *Academy*, 2 men; *Flower*, 1 man; *Eden*, 6 men; and *Trinity*, 2 men. The troopship has brought 165 tons of stores for the dockyard and fleet, including 500 barrels of porter for the military authorities; and to six-inch 11.5 guns for the *Land Rover*, originally sent to Malta for the *Phaethon*, not wanted, and ordered on here when the *Land Rover* was re-commissioned. The *Tyne* is under the command of Commander G. N. A. Pollard, who will be well remembered in Hongkong by old seamen as *Chief-Commander of the Zephyr* last year, and as *ago*. The *Tyne* will leave tomorrow and head of the 11th inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Zembarby* left Kobe for this port at daylight to-day.

THE *Vladimir Monomach* left on Saturday afternoon for Singapore and Odessa, and the Spanish gunboat *San Quintin* sailed for Manila.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the T. & A. S. Co.'s steamer *Calisthen*, from Australia, left Port Darwin for this port on the 30th ult.

A PROFESSOR of theology, speaking of Balaam's ass, said that "it is very wrong to doubt that the ass had been used to speak like a man, when they every day heard so many men speak like asses." What price Brownie?

ZADKIN, the English planet-render, in his sixty-second annual almanac, lately issued has found a message somewhere in his stellar readings to the effect that in November of next year there will be "a death of an empress or queen."

G. N. Taylor, the Land Credit Bank swindler of Melbourne, is reported to have wept copiously in the dock during the course of his trial. The Sydney *Bulletin* credits Taylor with having "wept Judge Hodges down to a two-years sentence."

OWING to the unusually low tides now prevailing, a Commissariat steam launch, the *Alexandra*, got ashore in trying to approach Murray Wharf, while still some fifteen feet away, on Saturday afternoon. As the tide only ebbs and flows about once in 24 hours just now, she was left there for about four hours before she was able to back off.

THE hostile Sydney Chinese factions, by latest account, still are arming themselves with Colts repeating rifles. As there are about 15,000 Chinese too many in N.S. Wales, *The Bulletin* proposes that the Government lend them the Centennial Park for a week or two to "have it out." The wild beasts of the Zoo are at hand to eat up the dead, and the tram which runs hard by can shoot the living, leprous balance right up to Darlinghurst prison, pending their exportation to China per first charterable steamer.

A LARGE number of masters of sailing vessels and probably not a few captains of steamers, may not be fully aware of the following provision of the law, which is article 13 of the United States Statutes regulating the devices that shall be used by vessels upon the high seas for signaling in fog:—"A steamship will be provided with a steam whistle or other efficient steam sound signals, so placed that the sound may not be intercepted by obstructions, and with an efficient fog horn, to be sounded by a bellows or other mechanical means, and also with an efficient bell. A sailing ship shall be provided with a similar fog-horn and bell, etc." In a collision case between a steamer and a sailing vessel that was recently heard in court in the East, it was proved that no mechanical fog horn was on board the sailing vessel, and the attorneys for the latter at once threw up the case.

A NEW piece of machinery to expedite the delivery of armor plates for the new United States war-ships will shortly be added to the great steel plant of Carnegie, Phillips & Co., at Homestead, Pa. It is a steel saw, weighing 150 tons, that will cut a nickel-steel armor plate as an ordinary saw cuts a plank. These armor plates range in weight from eight to thirty-eight tons, and reach a length of twenty feet and a thickness of twenty inches. They saw has a blade 83 feet in diameter, geared from above and revolving horizontally. The armor plate is placed on a tilting table, which is adjustable to any angle and presented to the edge of the saw endwise. The forward motion of the carrying table

